

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
August 14, 1922.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, August 14, 1922, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Fitzhugh. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Stone, Proctor and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 1, 1922, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of a special meeting of August 8, 1922, were read and approved as read.

A communication from E. C. Johnson, Chief Engineer of the P. E. Ry. was read, in which it was stated that the removing of old ties and the cleaning up of the right of way generally had been completed on Cabrillo St. President Fitzhugh stated that he had taken the letter up with the City Clerk and they thought that another letter should be forwarded to him reminding him of the streets and crossings left out in his letter.

A bid for the City printing was read, the Torrance Herald offering to do the printing for 70¢ per column inch for the first insertion, and 50¢ per column inch for the second insertion.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the bid be accepted. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

In the matter of the electric light pole line on 214th Street, Trustee Gilbert said that the poles were in and tamped down and that no permit had been asked for until afterwards. A permit was asked of the Dominguez Land Corp. but they referred it to the City Trustees. The City Engineer stated that he had written them a letter asking for a definite account of their intentions in this matter, and assuming that the line already in was only a temporary makeshift for the present time.

Trustee Nash reported that the money had been received from the County Auditor, and that all bills properly audited had been paid.

The City Engineer reported that grading had been started on the south end of Arlington Avenue, but that it would not be wise to tear up the street until materials had been obtained for the work on Carson; that he understood the present intention was to be to pave from the west end of Carson Street this way.

Long Beach Boulevard was reported in bad condition on account of holes, etc. Mr. Gascoigne was instructed to start a force of men to work on this street so as to get it in as good shape as possible for a detour.

Dominguez Street, according to the City Engineer, could be fixed up quite cheaply by scarifying, leveling and oiling a distance of about 600 feet, if the contractor would use his tractor and steam roller.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the City Engineer be empowered to enter into negotiations with Mr. Werdin to improve said Dominguez St. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Mr. Gascoigne was instructed to cut the weeds on Vista Highland streets, and put them in the road thereby making passage of street easier.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the patching of Redondo Boulevard be authorized. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The City Engineer brought up the matter of permits for buildings in the different districts, saying that encroachments were appearing here and there; that he knew of no City with a better chance of avoiding undesirable buildings creeping in if the matter were taken up in time, and that now was the time; that he wanted some action by the Board so as to be given a more definite idea of just what they expected and also that it would be a good chance to get the public interested in the matter in order to have their backing behind the Board; that a planning committee should be appointed to co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce, Women's Clubs, etc. It was decided to call an informal meeting of the Board to decide on ways and means.

Trustee Stone moved that the salary of Night Watchman, B. F. Booth be raised \$10.00 per month, making same \$135.00 monthly, beginning August 16, 1922. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The Police Chief asked for definite measures concerning the keeping of rabbits within the limits of the City, saying that Mr. Leatherman had 14 rabbits at the present time, and that many of the residents wanted to keep at least a few. The matter was again referred to the Ordinance committee.

On the Chief's request for another patrolman, Trustee Stone moved that he be empowered to employ a man for special duty during the Fiesta week. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The City Clerk stated that Ordinance No. 29, which was read August 1st for the second time, had not been passed on account of the absence of some of the Trustees--it requiring a 4/5 majority to pass an ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE PRESENTING, AUDITING AND PAYING OF DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PRESENTING, AUDITING AND PAYING OF DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF TORRANCE"

Trustee Nash moved that Ordinance No. 29 be adopted as read at its second reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the City co-operate with the new Bank in decorating the Bank and the City Hall during the Fiesta to any amount not exceeding \$10.00. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The question of culverts was explained to Trustee Proctor as having been referred to the City Engineer to do as he thought best.

The subject of fencing off the road in front of the School house was brought up and Trustee Nash moved that the Chairman of the Street committee be delegated this job as it was thought that, in such case, it surely would be attended to. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Fitzhugh reminded the Board of their duty in attending the forums of the Chamber of Commerce, saying that he was the only one of the Board present at the last forum.

The President also stated that Contractor Werdin had told him that they would be laying the hot stuff on the streets in two weeks.

Mr. Neill's new Real Estate building not coming under the provisions of the building Ordinance was referred to the Building Inspector.

After some discussion and figuring on the budget for the coming year, President Fitzhugh read:

ORDINANCE NO. 32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE
 FIXING THE RATES OF TAX FOR THE TAX YEAR 1922-1923
 AND DECLARING SAID TAX LEVIED AGAINST ALL THE PRO-
 PERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE NOT EXEMPT FROM
 TAXATION

Trustee Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 32 be approved as read at its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Mr. Palmer appeared before the Board, saying that the Dominguez Land Corp. had passed the matter of sewer connections for his new building on to the Board; that it would take 100 feet of 4 in. pipe to make the connection and would cost him \$100.00 instead of the standing charge of \$9.00 usually made by the Land Co. The City Engineer was instructed to help him out as much as possible.

Mr. Pottinger, Sec'y of the Chamber of Commerce of Torrance, advised that he had received a communication from Mr. Conly, Industrial agent for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Ry. asking the Chamber to endorse a resolution, and forward same to the City Council and to the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, granting the franchise and permitting construction as originally intended.

It seems that there is some objection from the residents in the southern part of Los Angeles and along Slauson Ave. to the proposed route, it having been suggested that the line follow the west bank of the Los Angeles river, cutting out this territory altogether. Mr. Pottinger read the following resolution and asked the Board to endorse a similar resolution to the City Council and Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles:

WHEREAS, it has been called to our attention that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Ry. Co. is desirous of extending a line of railway from a connection with its Redondo Branch Line through Torrance, thence southerly to the Los Angeles Harbor District and,

WHEREAS, this Chamber is heartily in favor of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway's application for franchise permitting the construction of the proposed line being granted,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in view of the benefits accruing to Torrance and the Los Angeles Harbor District, we respectfully urge the City Council to act favorably and promptly on the application in question.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles and a copy submitted to the City Council of Los Angeles.

Trustee Stone moved that the City Clerk draw up a resolution along these lines. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Nash moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 10:53 P.M. Trustee Proctor moved that the meeting adjourn until 4:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 22, 1922. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by a majority vote.

Albert H. Bantist
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

APPROVED:

James M. Fitzhugh
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.